

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 2-5 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. While Applicants believe that the claims rejected over the prior art are equally allowable, the claims have been restricted to the indicated allowable subject matter in an effort to expedite the prosecution to early allowance.

Accordingly, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2. That is, claim 2 has in effect been rewritten as claim 1. Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as redundant.

Allowable claims 3, 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 1 rather than canceled claim 2. Claims 3, 4 and 5 are now in condition for allowance.

The prior art rejections of claims 1 and 6-8 have been carefully considered but are most respectfully traversed in view of the amendments to the claims. The limitations of allowable claim 2 has been included in claim 1 placing claim 1 in condition for allowance.

Claims 6-8 depend directly on an allowable claim and are therefore are equally in condition for allowance. All of the claims remaining in the application are in fully compliance with 35 USC 112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

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In view of the above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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